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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Two

Part B for Dec 1935

SUBJECT.

Information required for the All India L.S.G. conference to be held at Delhi in 1936

2 nos 4283 of 6/12/35. To the Executive Engr. for All India L.S.G. Conference. Delhi. Furnish the information called for by Hilly

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Serial No.

From The Secretary, Executive Committee
All-India Local Self Govt Conference
144 Gaslee Bastion Road
Lahori Gate, Delhi

Dated 7. NOV 1935

Forwards a brief note giving the outline of the All-India Local Self Govt Conference proposed to be held in Delhi early in 1936 and requests that orders may be issued enabling local bodies to depute one elected delegate from each local body by permitting them to pay the D.a expenses & the delegation fee from their funds

1) Subd for orders.

fma
9/11/35

2) Please put up two statements —
(1) Showing the incomes of all the several Dists &
(2) Showing the names of the Metres with an income of over Rs 50,000 annually.

KK dtm 28/11

3) Two statements have been fol prepared & subd herewith

fma
30/11/35

4) In the list relating to Metres please note the income in each case

dtm 30/11

5) Noted & subd

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6) The proposal made by the Secretary of the Conference is that each local body – Municipality or Local Board – may be permitted to depute one delegate to the conference at Delhi and meet his travelling expenses and the delegation fee of Rs 10/. It is also stated on page 2 of the printed note that this expenditure may be limited to local bodies having an income of not less than Rs 50,000 per year.

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7) All the Districts, in which may be an income of over Rs 50,000, are shown in statement E. The Municipalities having a similar income are shown in statement F

8) The Govt of Assam have stated that they would be prepared to allow one local body from each of the two Divisions in that province to send a representative to the Conference. The C.P. Govt have stated that the Secy of the Conference might address the local bodies in the province direct & that the requests made by the local bodies would be considered on their merits according to law.

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9) For orders

Secy)

Asm 2/12

10) We might send a similar reply.

Secy

OFFICIATING SECOND MEMBER BOARD OF COUNCIL No. 4260.

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Include in the list any Minor Mtg which has an income of over Rs 50,000. Where is none this may be omitted in the draft.

The enclosure may be typed as one list

dtm 5/12

2 To

The Executive Secy, Allahabad Dist Board
" Delhi Cantt
" Delhi

No L 4983 dt 6.12.35

informs him that he may address the Local Bodies in the State direct etc

To the Secs of Dists
" Presidents of Dist Boards
" President, Dist Soldiers Board
" President, Municipal Committee, Municipal
" Municipal Committee, Municipal

No 2 4984-4990 dt 6/12/35

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9/12/35

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All-India Local Self-Government Conference

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In replying please quote No.....185...

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Mr. Amal Home, Editor, Calcutta "Municipal Gazette."

Dated 18th November 1935
~~25th October~~

To,
The Secretary to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore.
Local Self-Government Department,
Mysore.

GENERAL 24 NOV. 35 L.S.G.

Sir,

Subject:-All-India Local Self-Government Conference

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I have the honour to enclose herewith, by the direction of the Executive Committee, for your information a brief note giving an outline of the All-India local Self Government Conference proposed to be held in Delgi early in 1936, and to request you to kindly move your Government to issue the necessary orders as requested herein.

The general objects of the Conference are to discuss the causes of the present defects in hthe working of the local self-governing institutions and remedies thereto; to have free discussion and interchange of views regarding vital problems and common difficulties facing local bodies, to discover their solution based on mutual co-operation, to focuss public opinion on questions relating to local self-government, to take concertec measures and to establish a permanent union of all local bodies in the country.

All local bodies--Municipalities and Local Boards are to be invited to depute one elected delegate to attend this Conference. To meet the expenses of the Conference it is proposed to levy a delegation fee of Rs.10 from each local body.

The Conference is being managed by an all-India Committee representing all provinces in India and all the members thereof are prominent workers in the field of local self-government.

However, in order to enable local bodies in your State to defray the travelling expenses and the delegation fee from their funds, previous permission of your Government is necessary under the provisions of the Acts governing the

duct of various local bodies. I am therefore to request you to kindly ue the necessary orders enabling local bodies to depute one elected egate from each local body by permitting them to pay the travelling enses and the delegation fee from their funds.

This is the first effort of its kind in India and without the ive support of your Government the Conference will not be a reality a success. It is proposed to hold the Conference before H.E. Lord lingdon, who is to be requested to inaugurate the Conference, leaves d, and so an earlier favourable reply is solicited. The time at our posal is very short and all local bodies have to be approached after r reply is received.

Copies of the replies received so far from some of the Provi- al Governments in British India are attached herewith to give you ideas of the facilities desired by my Committee. I expect you to grant ilar facilities to the local bodies in your state.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Executive Secretary.

All-India Local Self-Government Conference

(By Mr. V. S. Divekar, Secretary, Reception Committee.)

"I CONCEIVE it to be one of the needs of hour to restore the processes of common counsel, and to substitute them for the processes of private arrangements which now determine the policies of cities, station and nation. We must learn, we freemen, to meet, as our fathers did, somehow, somewhere, for consultation. There must be discussion and debate, in which all freely participate."

—Woodrow Wilson.

The first Punjab Local Self-Government Conference held at Lahore during the Easter holidays under the presidentship of Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, M.L.A., ex-Finance and Revenue Member of the Government of Bombay, passsed the following resolution regarding the holding of an All-India Local Bodies' Conference in Delhi early next year:—

"This Conference approves of the idea of holding an All-India Local Bodies' Conference as contained in the presidential address of Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, M.L.A., and appoints the following committee with power to co-opt two members from each of the provinces (including Sind and Orissa) and other members to take steps to hold such a Conference in Delhi in January or February, 1936:—

Chairman:—Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, M.L.A.

Members:—Vice-Presidents, Municipal Committee, Delhi.

Secretary:—Rai Bahadur Sohan Lal, Secretary, Delhi Municipality.

Joint Secretary:—Pt. Haradatta Sharma, Member, Servants of India Society, 17, Maclagan Road, Lahore.

Co-operative effort made by Local Bodies and their officials, through such conferences, will be much more necessary in the future than it has been in the past. Especially during the last few years questions of great importance to the country as a whole are being discussed and settled and in these critical times, Local Bodies will be failing in their duty if they fail to organise themselves properly and to put forward their demands in a unanimous voice. In our modern life, no great results are accomplished without group action. Organisations are formed for every conceivable purposes. All classes of business and professional men are thoroughly organised and because of these organisations, to a very great extent, they are holding a dominant position in public affairs. The deplorable condition of the Local Bodies is largely due to the absence of any organisation of their own. We will be soon witnessing considerable extension of Governmental activities for the positive welfare of the public. This means that a more effective and efficient technique of co-operation must be worked out between different local self-governing agencies, both rural and urban. We just simply cannot afford to let this matter go by default.

Hence the necessity and utility of an All-India Local Bodies' Conference. There are many great questions that can be discussed with profit and advantage to the Local Bodies by coming closer together so that there may be better co-operation and better understanding between them by finding out those matters which contribute to the common good. Problems facing the different local bodies all over the country are the same whatever difference there may be in the magnitude of those problems.

Subjects Before the Conference.

The experiences gained by different local bodies in matters of sanitation, public health and medical relief, in road-making, in expansion of education, in water-supply and drainage schemes, in the policies of levy of taxation, and raising of loans and in matters of public utility services, when pooled together, would help us to avoid mistakes, to make improvements and to grow rapidly in proper directions. Certain subjects that may be profitably decided upon by the Conference are noted below as of all-India importance. Other subjects will be added on suggestions being received from local bodies who are being addressed on the subject of the Conference :—

(1) Franchise—adult or qualified.

(2) Electorate—joint or separate and communal or proportional reservation of seats.

(3) Nominations to local bodies by Provincial Governments.

(4) Financial and borrowing powers of local authorities.

(5) Government control over local bodies.

(6) Allocation of separate heads of revenue to local bodies in the place of present system of grant-in-aid.

(7) Formation of an all-India Union of Local Authorities.

Delegates to the Conference.

All local bodies in India will be invited to depute one delegate from each of them to this Conference. It is proposed to address all Provincial Governments in India to permit local bodies in their areas to incur expenditure for paying travelling expenses of delegates elected by them to this Conference and for paying a delegation fee of Rs. 10 each. In order, however, that these expenses may not be a burden on the finances of small local bodies, it is proposed to limit this expenditure to local bodies having an income of not less than Rs. 50,000 per year.

The Conference.

His Excellency the Viceroy will be requested to open the Conference. In all a three-days' session is proposed. Besides resolutions on the subjects mentioned above and the formation of an All-India Union, papers will be invited from experts at the Conference giving an opportunity to delegates to discuss them. Subjects committees for different subjects will be appointed by the delegates.

Expenses of the Conference.

The expenses of the Conference, which will be about Rs. 5,000, will be met from the following :—

1. Government of India will be requested to give a grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,000 at least.
2. Delegation fee of Rs. 10 per delegate will be charged.
3. Reception Committee membership fee.

Any surplus remaining after meeting the expenses of the Conference will go towards the funds of the All-India Union.

Such, in brief, is the scheme of the Conference and there is no reason why it should not bear fruit and be a success. The active co-operation of the Local Bodies themselves is the thing required and it is trusted that in their own interests, Local Bodies will make it a point to make the Conference a success.

A draft constitution of the proposed All-India Union of Local Bodies is being prepared and issued separately.

The Executive Committee

The following constitute the Executive Committee of the Conference and include those who have been co-opted:—

1. Chairman:—K. B. Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, K.C.S.I., M.L.A., ex-Minister for Local Self-Government, and ex-Finance and Revenue Member of the Government of Bombay.
2. Honorary General Secretary:—Rai Bahadur Sohan Lal, M.B.E., P.C.S., (Rtd.) Secretary, Delhi Municipality.
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19. Mr. Amal Home, Editor, Calcutta Municipal Gazette.

* 20. The Mayor of Bombay.
* 21. The Mayor of Calcutta.
* 22. The Mayor of Madras.
* 23. The Chairman, Dacca Municipality.

* Final consent not yet received.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

A Reception Committee has been already formed and most of the members of the Executive Committee have joined it as members. The fee of membership of the Reception Committee is fixed at Rs. 10. The Committee appeals to all public spirited persons interested in the advance of Local Self-Governing institutions to become members of the Reception Committee. This is the first effort of its kind in India and deserves encouragement from one and all.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All correspondence regarding the Conference, whether intended for the Reception Committee or for the Conference, should be addressed to the Secretary (not by name), All-India Local Self-Government Conference, 144, Gastion Bastion Road, Lahori Gate, Delhi.

144, Gastioh Bastion Road,
Lahori Gate, Delhi
10th September 1935.

Issued for the Executive Committee
by
R. B. Sohan Lal, M.B.E., P.C.S.,
Honorary General Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM.

The Governor and the Minister of Local Self-Government,

Letter No. 3983 L. S. G.
L. S. G. Department,
Local Board Branch.

From

H. G. DENNEHY, Esq., I. C. S.,
Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Transfered Departments.

To,

The Honorary General Secretary,
ALL-INDIA LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE,
144 Gastion Bastion Road,
Lahori Gate, Delhi.

Shillong, the 10th October 1935.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. 96, dated the 15th September 1935, and to say that the Government of Assam will be prepared to allow one local body from each of the two divisions in this province, the financial condition of which is good, to be represented in the proposed All-India Local self-Government Conference to be held in Delhi early in 1936, should it materialize. This Government are suggesting to the Commissioners of Division concerned that, if they have no objection, the Dibrugarh local board and the Silchar(or Shillong) municipal board might, should they so wish, send a representative to the Conference; in which case Government would be prepared to sanction the payment of travelling expenses and delegates fees from the municipal or local fund, as the case may be.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sd) H. G. DENNEHY,
Secretary to the Government of Assam.

TRUE COPY.

No. 133.

Office of the
ALL-INDIA LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE,
144 Gastion Bastion Road,
Lahori Gate, Delhi.

18*th October* 1935.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information to—

(1) All members of the Executive Committee.
(2) Secretaries of all Provincial Governments.
(3) The Chairman, Dibrugarh Local Board.
(4) ....., ...Silchar Municipal Board.
(5) ....., ...Shillong Municipal Board.

Executive Secretary.

No. 7019-2089-DVIII.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES,

LOCAL SELF- GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

From

R. D. BALVALLY, Esquire,
Under Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces.

To

The Honorary General Secretary,
ALL-INDIA LOCAL SELF—GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE,
144, Gastion Bastion Road,
Lahori Gate, Delhi.

Dated Nagpur, the 11th October 1935.

SUBJECT:—All-India Local Self-Government Conference, Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed by the Government of the Central Provinces (Ministry of Local Self-Government) to refer to your letter No. 96 dated the 15th September 1935, on the above subject and to advice you to place your proposals before the local bodies of this province. If these local bodies approach the Government for sanction to any expenditure to be incurred in connection with your proposal, such request will be considered on its merits according to law.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd) R. D. BALVALLY,
Under Secretary.

TRUE COPY.

No. 134.

Office of the
ALL-INDIA LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE.
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Lahori Gate, Delhi.

18th October 1935.

Copy forwarded with compliments for information to:—

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(2) Secretaries of the Provincial Governments.
(3) The Presidents of all Municipalities in C. P. and Berar.
(4) ....,..... ...District Councils in.....,.....

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Executive Secretary.

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SUBJECT.....

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Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. L 4283.

To The Executive Secretary
All India Local Self Govt Conf
Office of the Executive Committee
144. Gastin Bastin Road
Lahori Gate, Delhi

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 6/12

Signed by Mr. A. S. Rose

Sir,

With reference to your letter no dated the 18th Nov 35 stating that each local Body — Municipality or Local Board — may be permitted to depute one delegate to the Conference at Delhi I meet his travelling

List of enclosures.....

Copied by .....

Examined by.....

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expenses and the delegation
fee of Rs. 15/- I am directed
to state that the local bodies
in the Province may be
addressed direct by you
on the subject that the
request made by the local
bodies would be considered by Govt
on their merits according to law.

A list showing the name ~~[illegible]~~
and
of city, Town ~~[illegible]~~ ~~together~~
having an income of over Rs 50,000 ~~[illegible]~~
~~with their jurisdiction in the State~~
is enclosed. There are
eight District Boards constituted
under the Hyderabad Regulation
besides the Khanapur Fields Sanitary Board.
and their income is also shown in the enclosed list
herewith.

Secy/Revenue
5/12 for D.D.

Memorandum 4284-4302 8/6/12/35

Copy to the Dirs/Distts
Presidents/Dist Boards, the Addl.
City Magistrate/Asst. to the
President, City Municipality
& President, Khanapur Sanitary Board.

for Secy/Revenue
5/12 Dept

List showing the actuals of income (ordinary) of the several District Boards in the State for 1933-34 & 1934-35

	1933-34	1934-35
Bangalore	2,13,109	1,99,613
Kolar	1,84,011	1,80,542
Tumkur	2,63,417	1,50,976
Mysore	2,41,257	2,62,143
Shimoga	1,05,380	1,19,749
Hassan	1,57,354	1,51,460
Kadur	90,324	86,695
Chitaldrug	1,87,331	1,77,814
Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board	1,22,404	1,34,031
Total	15,64,587	14,63,023

List showing the names of Municipalities in the State with an annual income of over Rs. 50,000.

Bangalore City Municipality		15,72,135
Mysore	-do-	6,58,101
Kolar	Town Municipality	7[illegible],161
Tumkur	-do-	2,01,954
Tiptur	-do-	1,08,835
Hunsur	-do-	57,311
Hassan	-do-	82,440
Holenarasipur	-do-	79,869
Arsikere	-do-	64,599
Shimoga	-do-	82,560
Tarikere	-do-	52,892
Chitaldrug	-do-	51,455
Davangere	-do-	1,28,541

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Mr. Amal Home, Editor, Calcutta "Municipal Gazette."

Dated 2nd January 193 6

To,
The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department, Bangalore.

Sir,
Subject:-All-India Local Self-Government Conference.
Reference:-Ypur No.L4283 dated the 6th December 19
LB 83-35-2

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I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks receip of your letter under reference together with the enclos re so kindly sent by you therein and to state that I he addressed the local bodies in your State as directed therein. My Committee trusts that your Government will f vourably consider the request of as many local bodies a may be possible in connection with the payment of the travelling expenses and the delegation fee from the fun of the local bodies desiring to depute delegates to the Conference.

Thanking you again,
I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

V. S. Divekar
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

Submitted for perusal - with refes.
The receipt of request from
Local bodies concerned will be awaited
(So far it is only the Kolar Dist Board
that has sent up a recommendation in
matter).

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Dev Secy)